Understanding Decision-Climate Interactions on Decadal Scales

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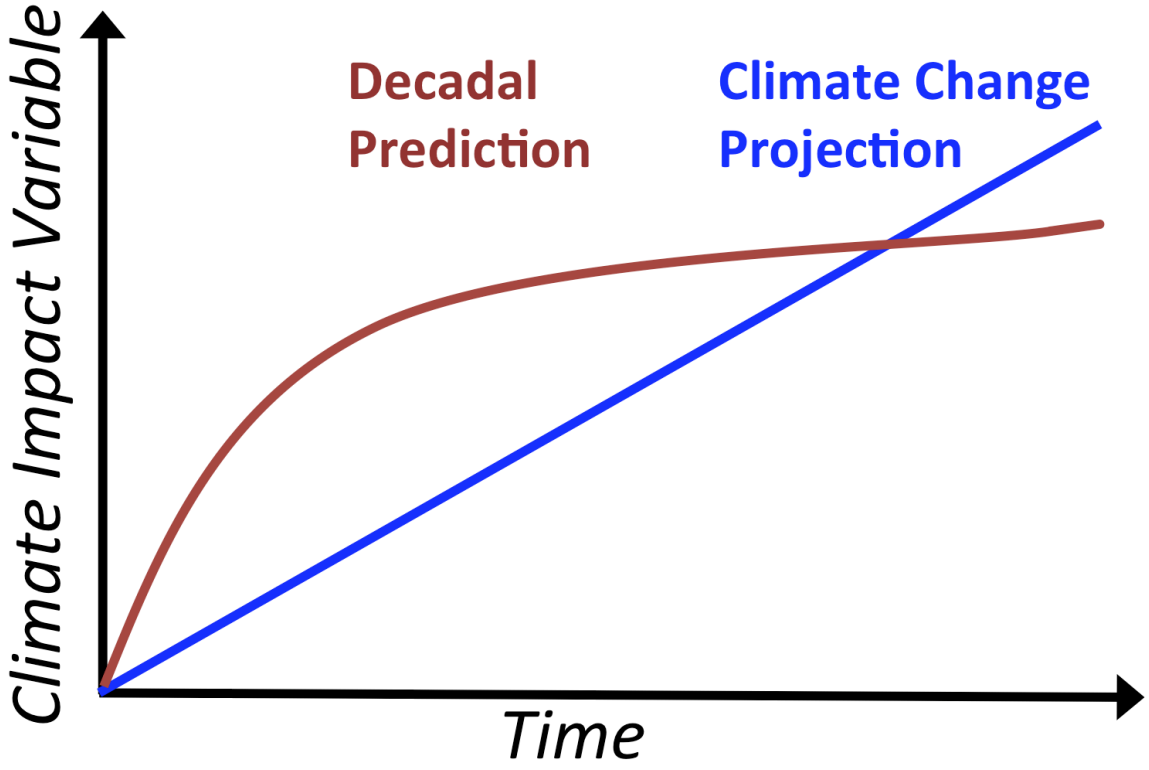

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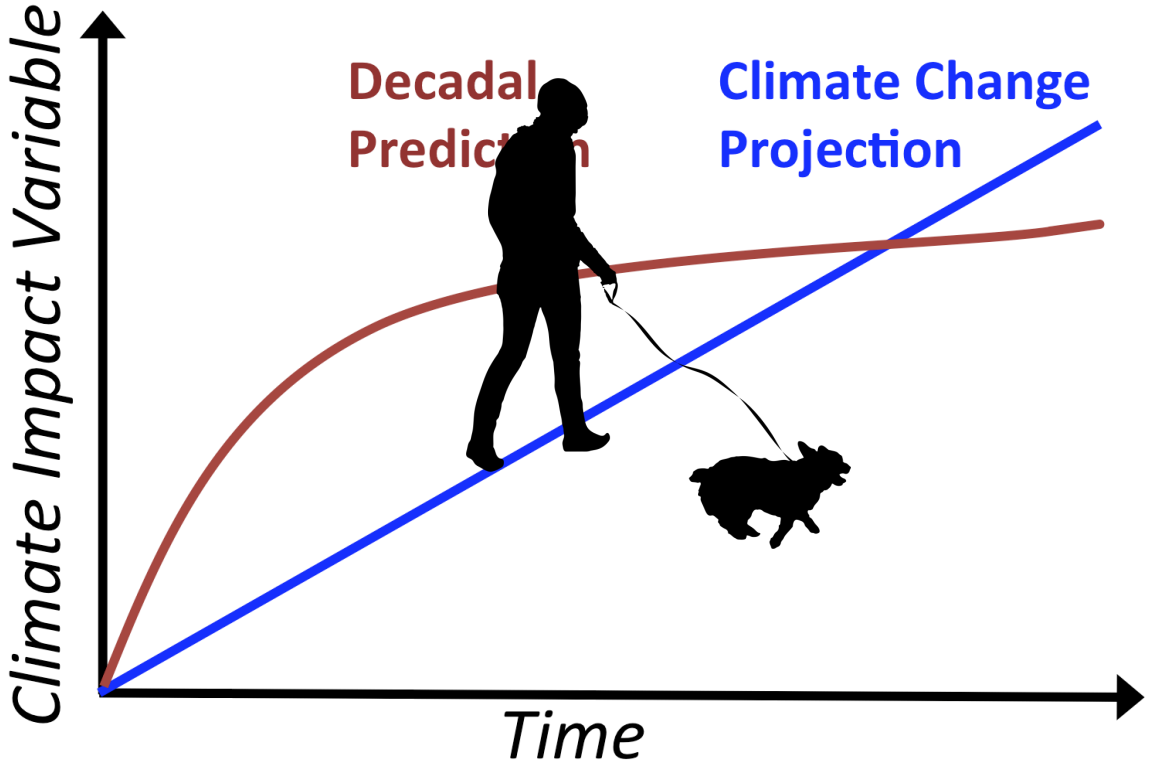

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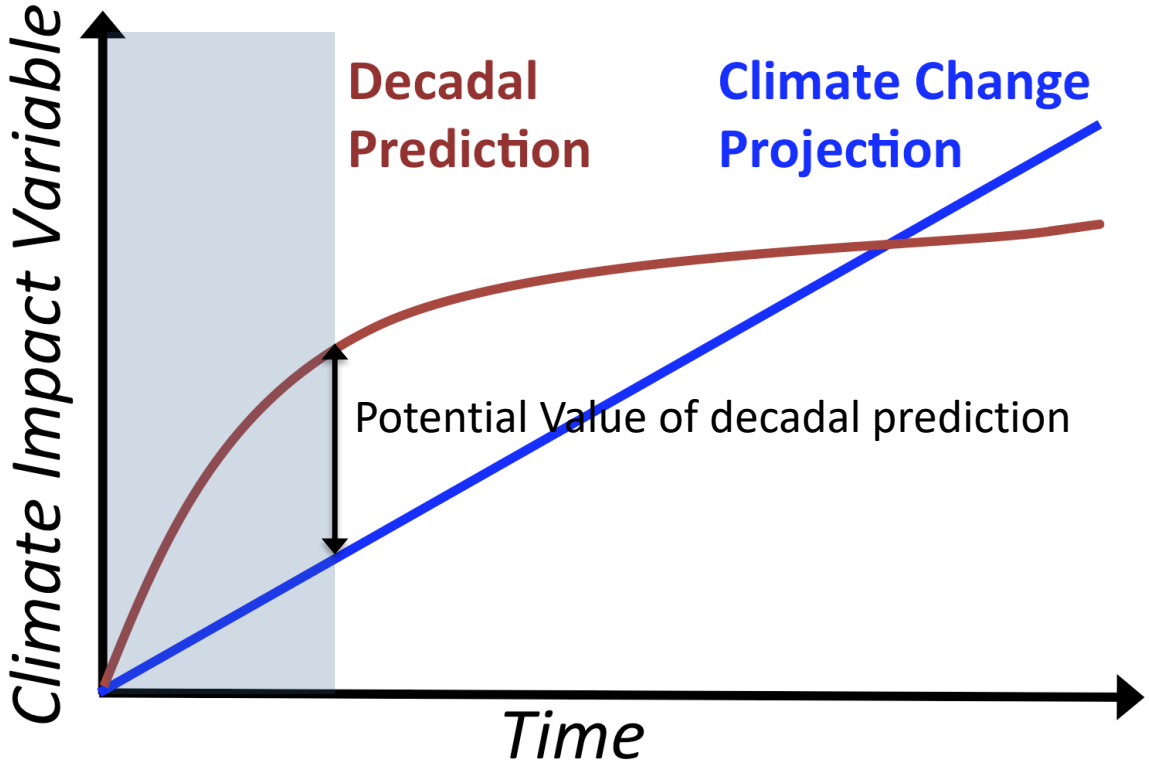
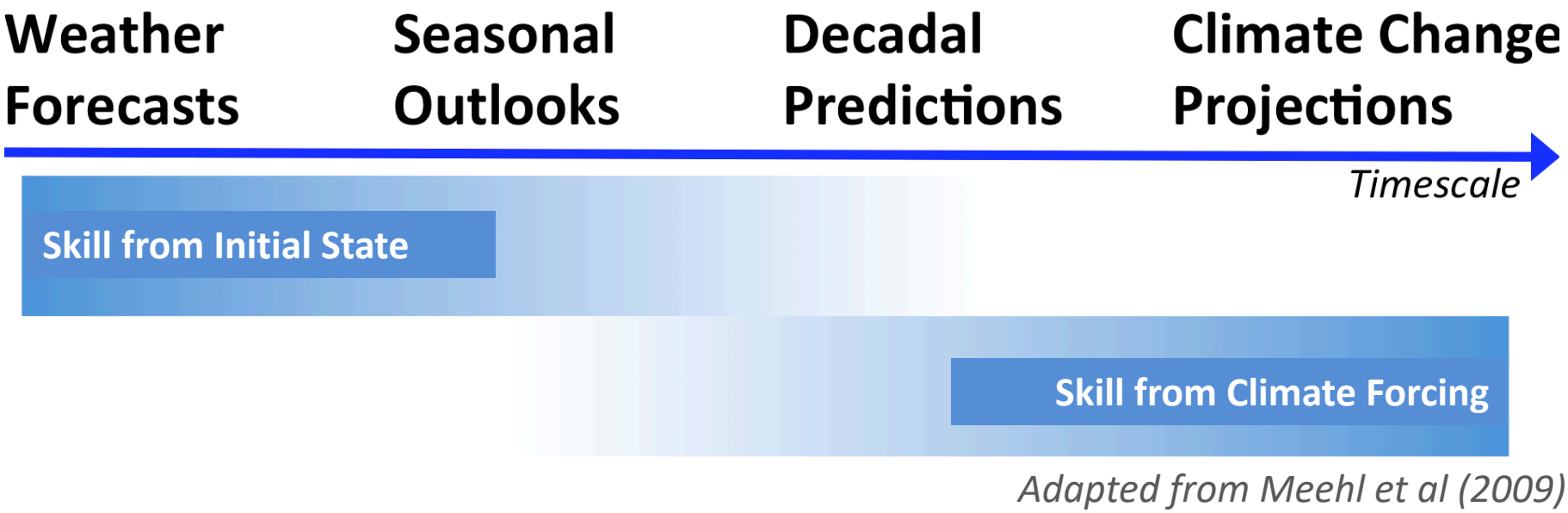


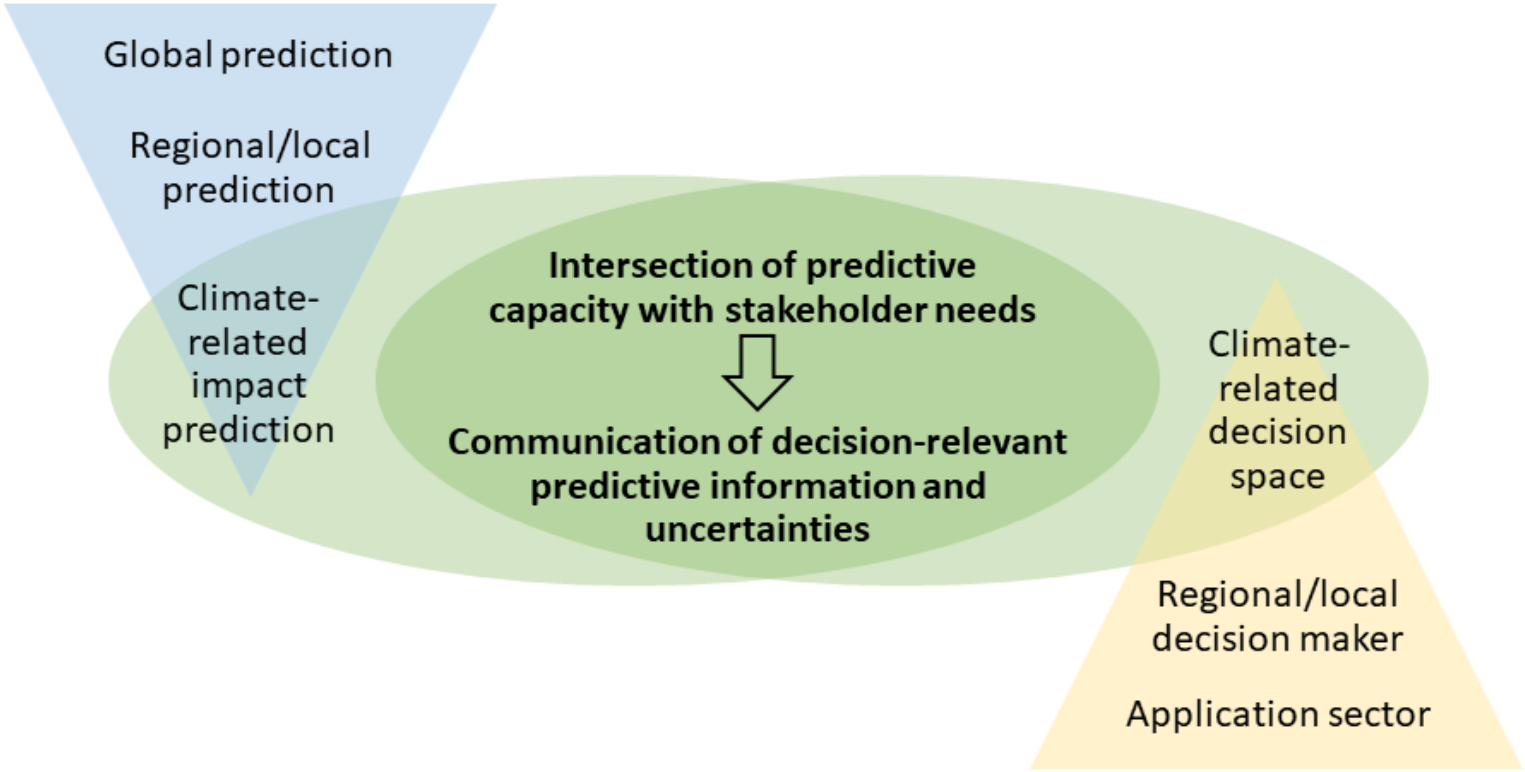
Decadal Prediction



Adapted from Meehl et al (2009)

Project Approach

What is Skillful?



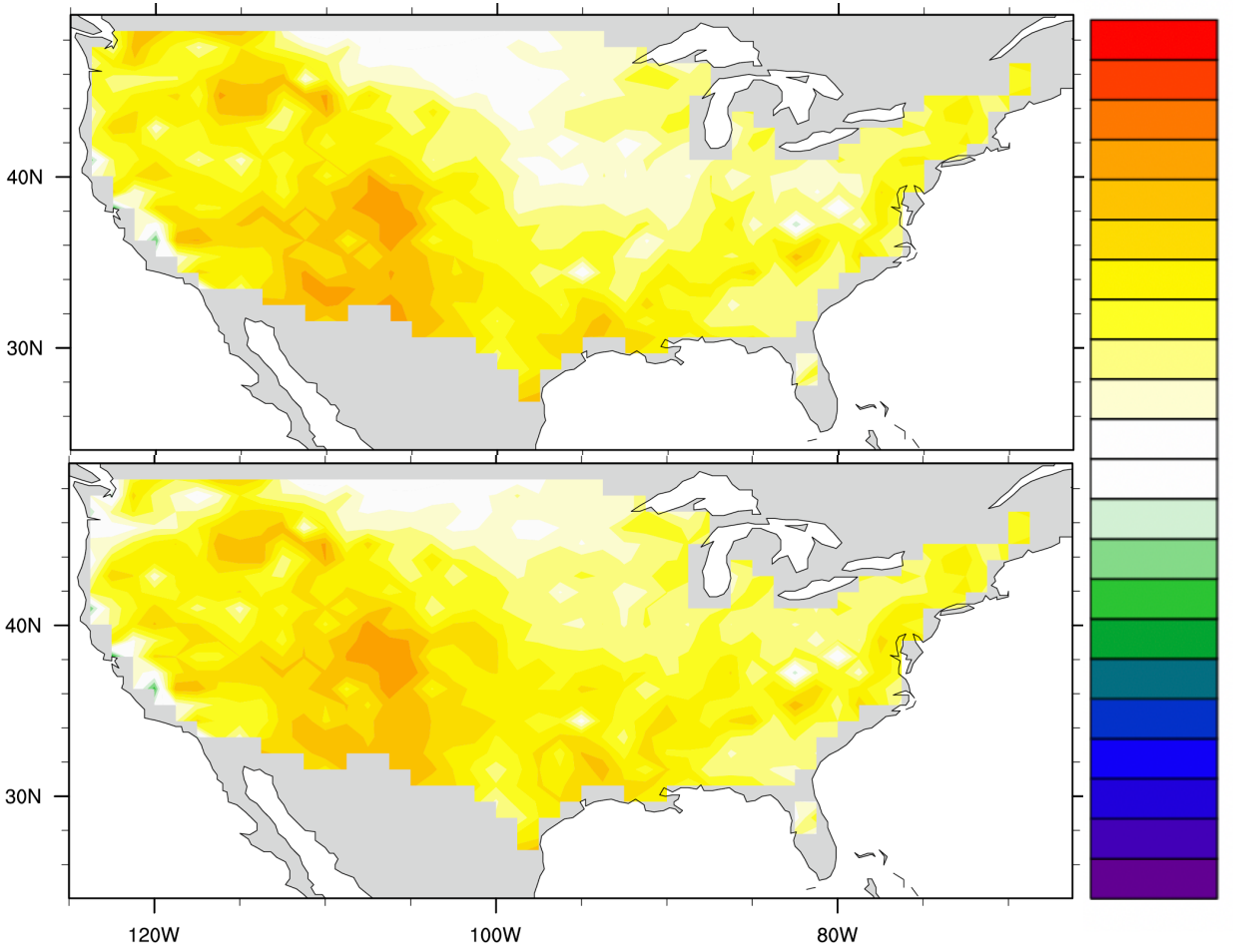
What is Needed?

Morss et al. (2018)

Temperature is Skillful

Years 1-5

Years 5-9



Better than a guess

Worse than a guess

Precipitation is not skillful . . . yet

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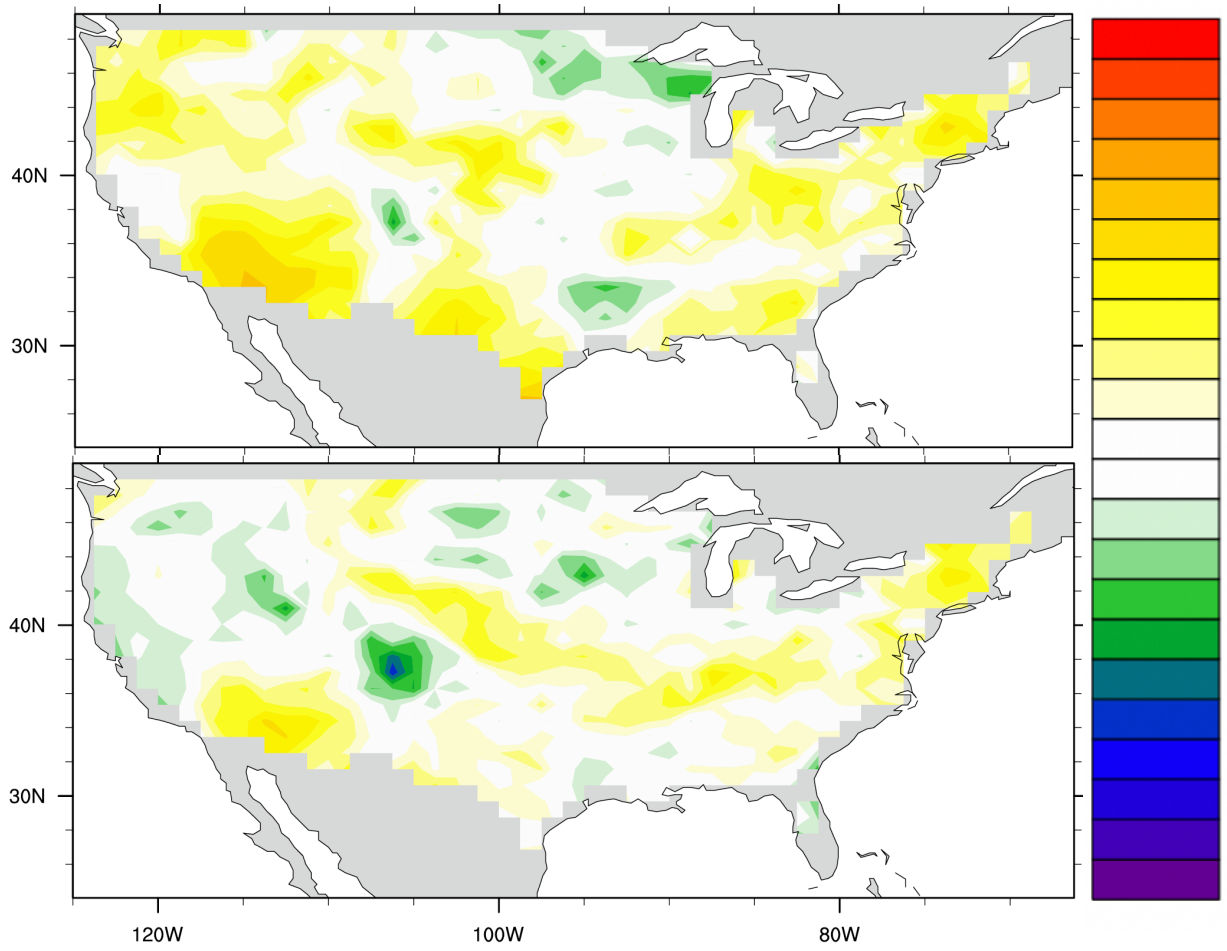

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Why are we here?

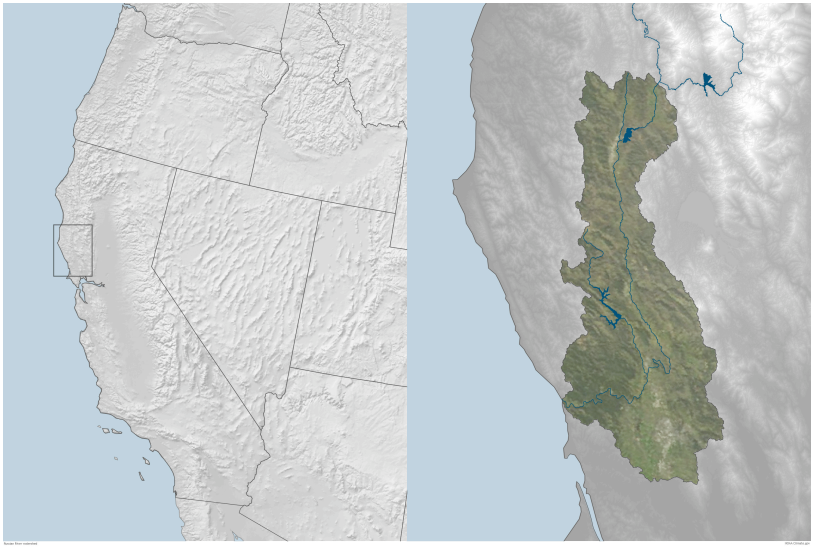
To understand the key characteristics of useful decadal climate information for water management decisions.

How?

Get your reactions to a few images of the decadal climate predictions.

DECIDE Sacramento and Russian River Focus

Source: Department of Water Resources



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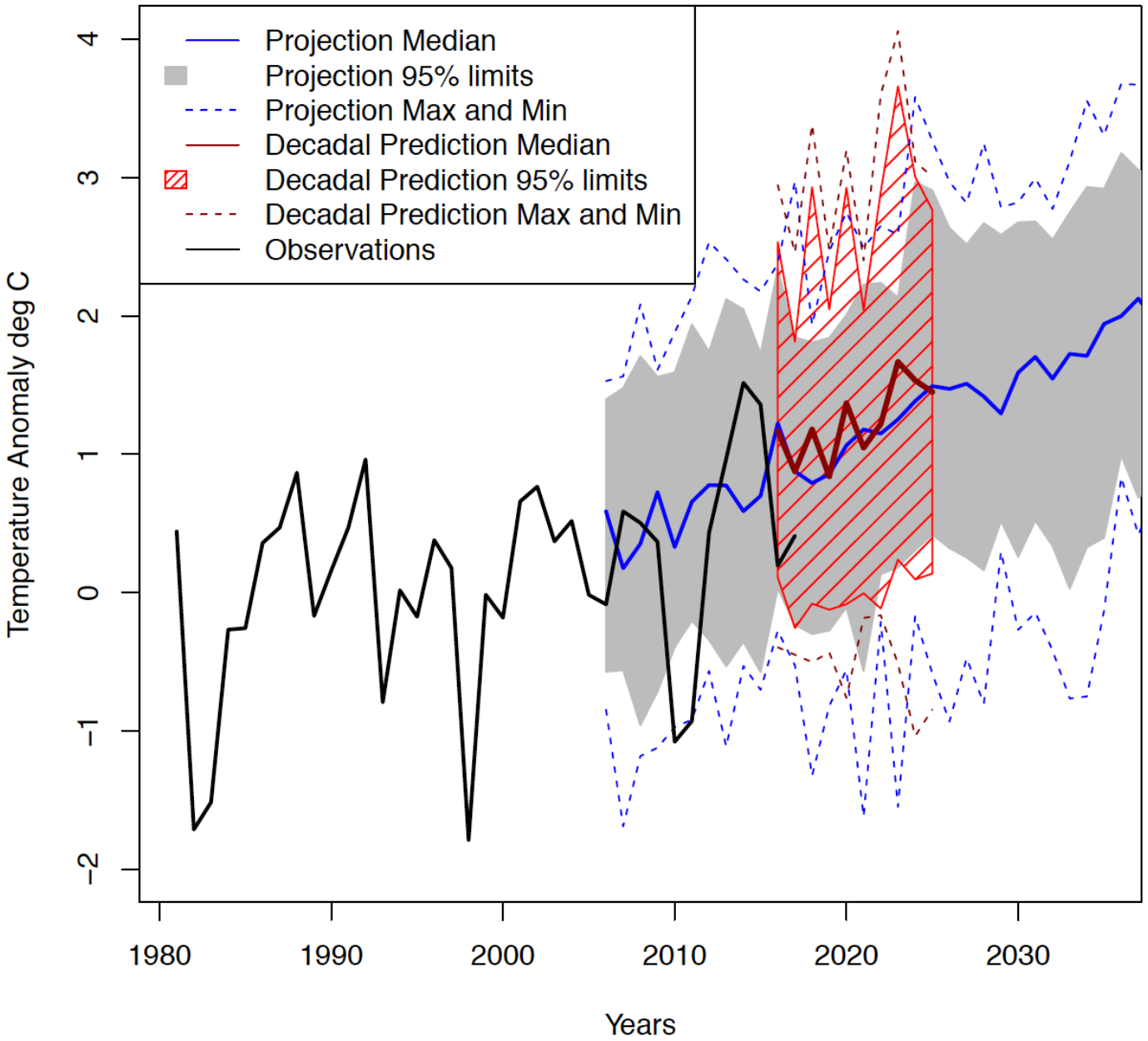
https://www.climate.gov/news-features/features/who-rules-californias-russian-river

Mean Annual Daily Maximum Temperature

Sacramento



Annual Temperature and Precipitation Anomalies

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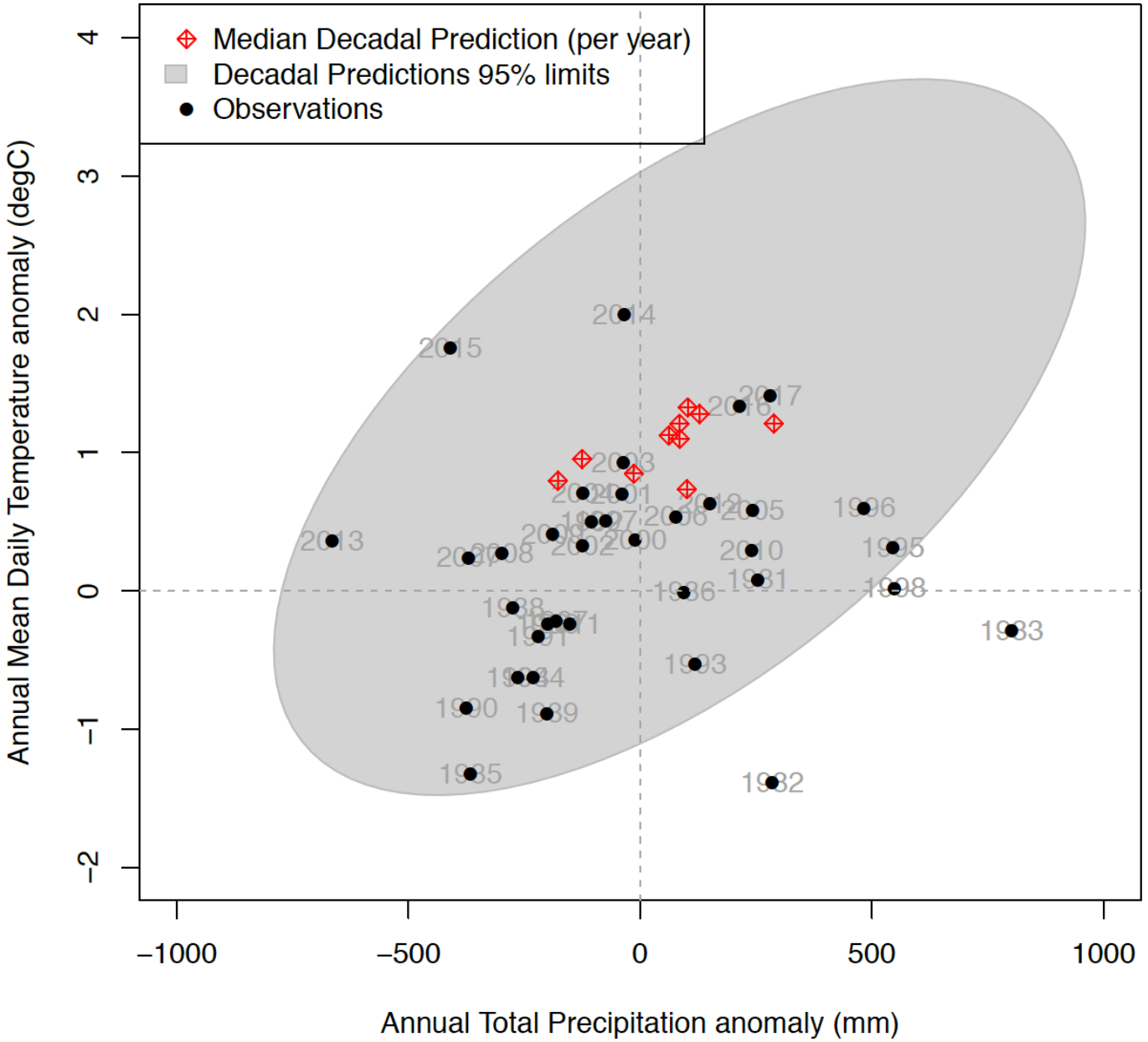
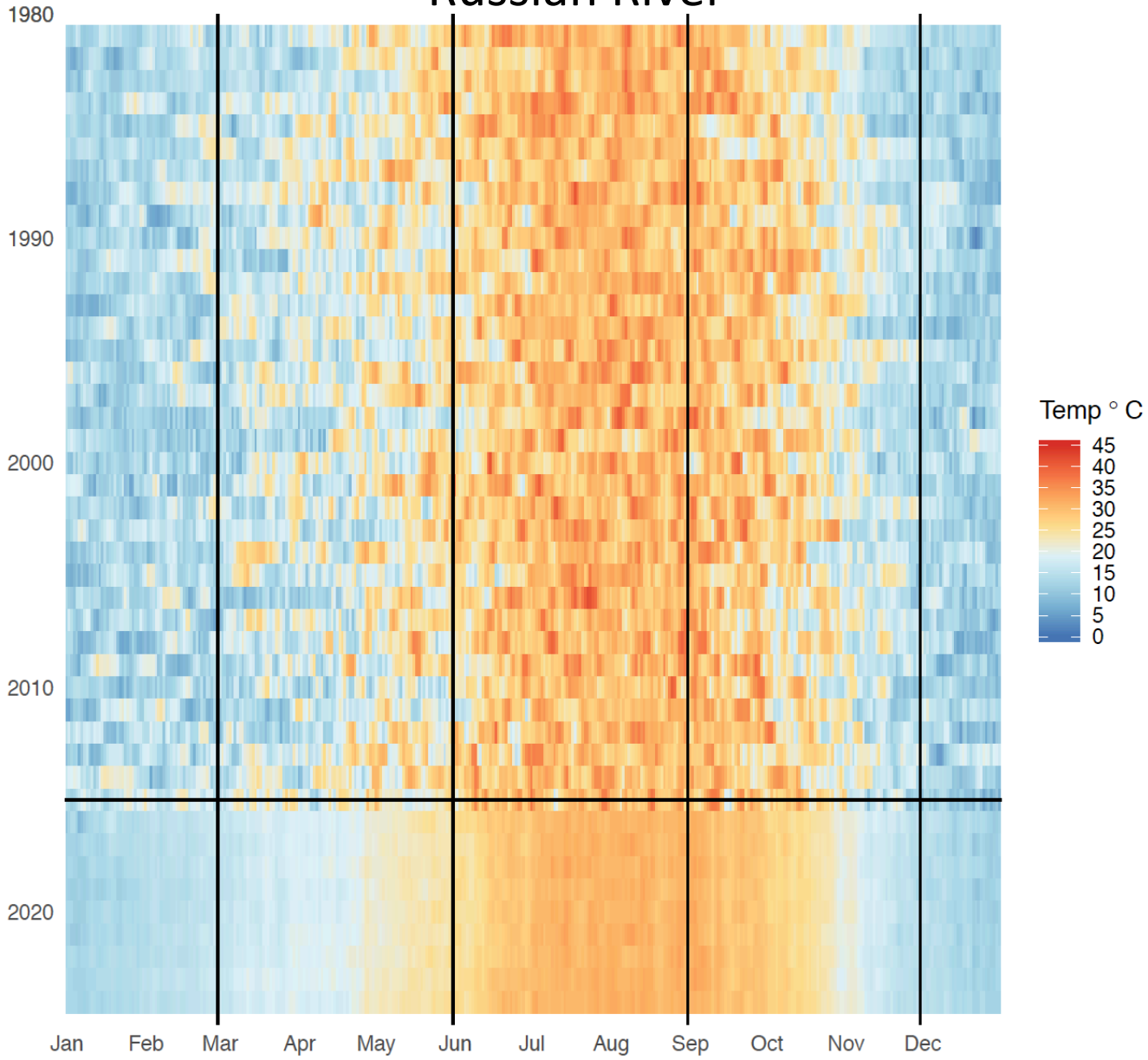


Observed and Predicted Daily Max Temperature

Russian River



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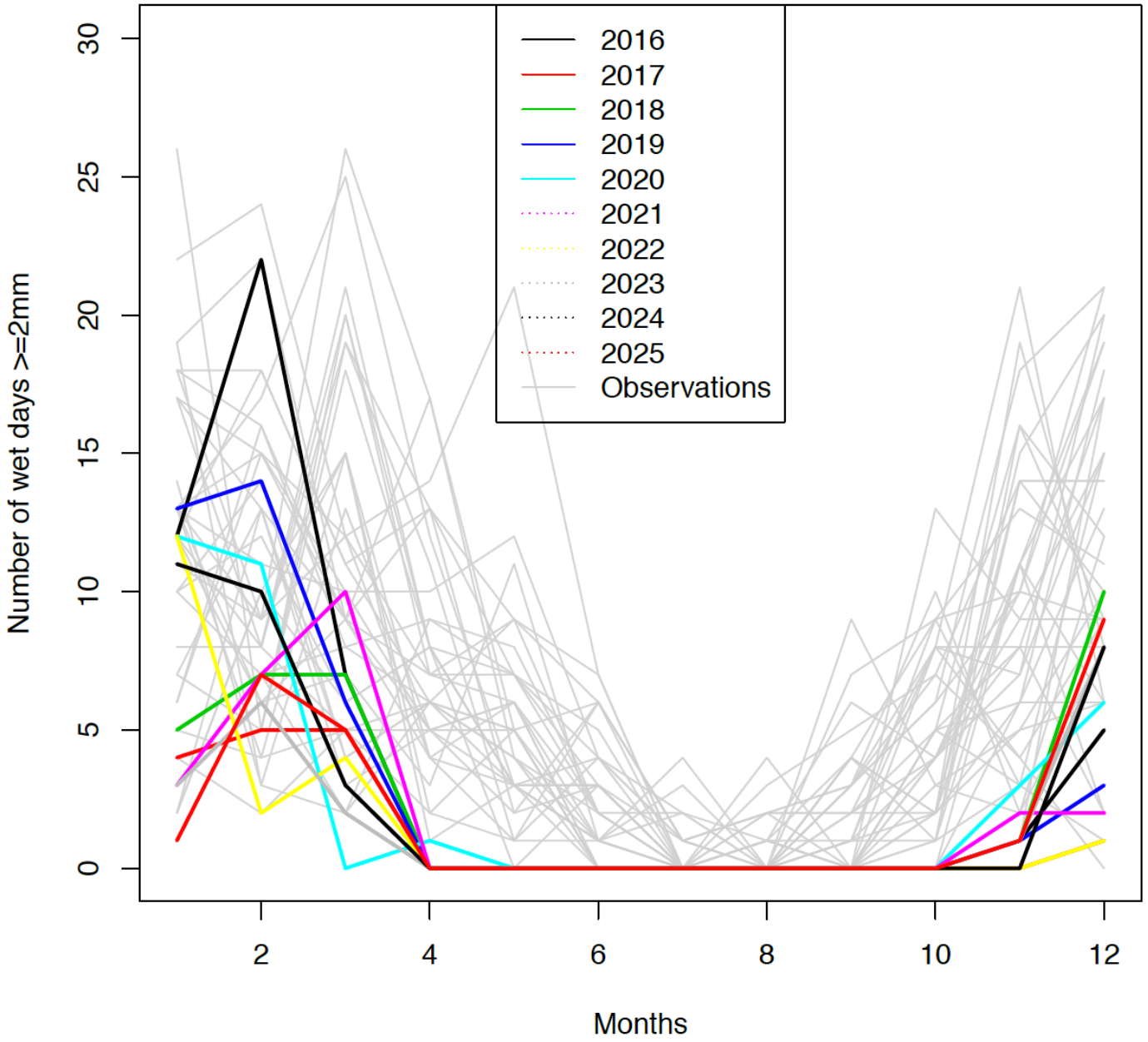
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